

## HOLSINGERISM.

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As already communicated through the EVANGELIST, we are on our way east. We did not announce our going because we did not intend to stop along the route after leaving the west. We did not want to stop, because I could not be of any service to the church on account of my impaired health, especially on account of my weak will. If I get stronger I will do some writing later on. I am now much better than when we left Lottie's, on May 12.

I am writing this at brother H. B. Lehman's, Glendale, Arizona. We have been here four days and will leave this evening. I have gained much strength while here. This is a good climate for consumptives and all classes of invalids. I have conversed with many who have been greatly helped by this climate.

Brother Lehman has bought land here and erected good buildings. He is much pleased with his new barn, and the country, and his judgment goes a great way with me, in coming to a conclusion. The large fields of Alfalfa are very attractive. I never saw so many fat cattle and horses nor ate so much good, tender, fat beef. You do not need to expend all the strength you obtain from your steak in masticating it.

The soil is very productive. It produces grain, grass and fruit in great abundance. All it needs is cultivation, seed and irrigation. Water is now plenty, and will be for a few thousand acres not yet under cultivation, but there will not be enough for the whole Salt River valley. It can also be developed by digging to a depth of from 60 to 110 feet. Land can be had at \$25 to \$100 per acre according to location and improvements.

Brother E. L. Devore, from Aurelia, Iowa, is here seeing the country and appears to be much pleased. Brother Walter McClain of the same place has property here. Sister Michael Meyers, once of Dutchtown, Ill., and her youngest son, and her son-in-law, brother John Doner, also resided here, and the latter are in business. Other eastern people and old acquaintances are located here, and all appear to be well satisfied. Those who care to know more about the country can write to brother H. R. Lehman, enclosing stamps for return mail. I will yet say that during our sojourn here we have not suffered from heat although the thermometer registered about 100 each day. My greatest objection to the country is the dust. There being scarcely any rain, or fog, or dew, the dust gets very deep and light.

We found Brother Nicholson of Rosena, quite ill, but when we left he was better. I hope and pray he may soon recover fully. We expect to reach Chicago on the 10th instant and hope to land at Berlin, Pa., about the 15th to the 20th. We go *via* New Orleans and are dreading the hot weather. We ask an interest in the prayers of our friends. I hope to notice first part of my trip, in your next.

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## HOW CAN WE HELP THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL?

[Read before Union Meeting with Warsaw K. C. of C. E., by Miss Myrtle Bushong.]

We all, I think, acknowledge that the object of the Y. P. S. C. E., and that of the Sunday-school is the same—i. e., to bring the young to Christ by holding regular, religious services that are more interesting to the young than the church is.

We do this not wishing to rob the church of her young people, but to bring even more such into the church. Therefore, as two laborers in a field help each other in reaping the harvest, we also should aid each other in gathering Christ's harvest of souls.

But the question is *how* can we help our co-laborers, the Sunday-school? To begin with, each individual Endeavorer should say with Paul, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do"—then, knowing, do it.

There are at present six hundred thousand and children in this state that do not belong to a Sunday-school. If each Endeavorer in the state should next Sabbath morning take the hand of but one of these children, lead him to the church and there persuade him to join a class of bright-faced children eagerly listening to their teacher's story of a Saviour's love, would we be helping the child and would we be helping the Sunday-school?

Then again, there are parents who never accompany their children to these services—they always get up too late or have too much to do, or do not think the Sunday-school interesting to any one but children. *There* is even harder work for us. Go there and waken those people out of such sleepy ideas. Urge them to accompany you to the Sunday-school and once there, do all that is in your power to make the Sunday-school lesson interesting and instructive. We Endeavorers can do a great deal in that line if we only will; for besides studying the regular lesson we have studied our C. E. lesson for the day, and as our topics follow the international lessons very closely we are doubly prepared to discuss the lesson.

The house to house canvass which has been doing so much for the Sunday-schools

of this state was in our town, carried on chiefly by Endeavorers and it proved to be a good thing, not only for the Sunday-school, but for the C. E. Society itself. You can not help other people without helping yourself. Personal religious contact is always strengthening to both parties; in conferring right you obtain right. The Sunday-school army ought to be at the very head of all the agencies that are at work for the spread of holiness. Let us take step with it and march shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart.

Last, and to my mind, most important of all the work we can do and are doing for the S. S. is fitting young men and women for teachers.

A cry goes up from over the country, "How or where shall we get more and better teachers?" How? Where?—why where could be found better ones than in the ranks of the army of Endeavorers? Our Society work makes us study our Bibles and teaches us to speak and pray in public thus shaking off the timidity so common among young people in religious work.

As the S. S. teacher sits before her class it is a hand to hand work. *She can* come down close, heart to heart with the pupils before her. Get the best you can as teachers in the S. S. Then I say that I do not mean somebody that has the greatest flow of language and a great many mental qualifications; it means somebody whose heart has been touched and who can touch somebody else's heart; it means somebody whose heart has been taught, who can reach the heart to be taught. Our society furnishes just such young men and women, and truly there is plenty for us all to do if we are only willing to do it.

Little faces look up expectantly every Sabbath morning to hear what "teacher" has to tell them. Superintendents, when there is a vacancy, often look hopelessly around over the class of older ones who have refused so often to teach a class, and he becomes discouraged. Is it any wonder?

Fellow Endeavorers, do not refuse, take up your work willingly, cheerfully, hopefully; implant into these young hearts the seeds that will bear fruit for eternity and no one will be more worthy of the Master's "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

"AS THE sulight of heaven illumines perfectly the darkness of earth, chasing the shadows out of the deepest valleys thereof, so the light of the Bible illumines all mortal darkness and makes the valley of the shadow of death the brightest part of the way in the earthly life."